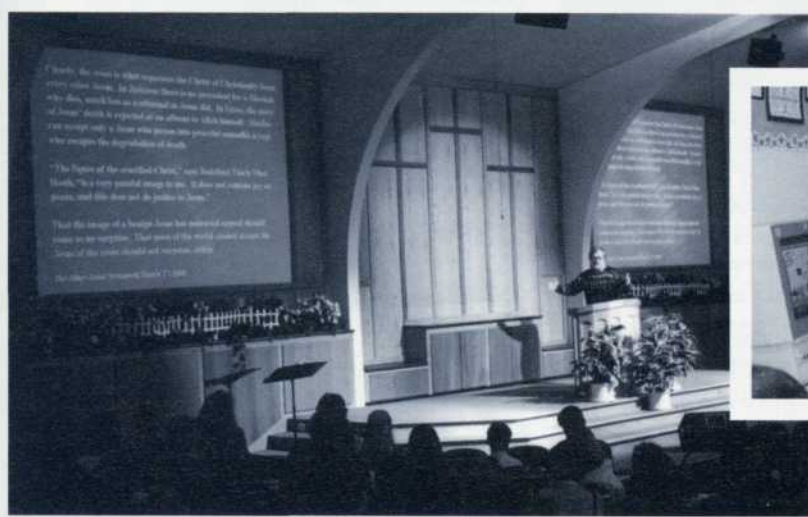


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Connects in Silicon Valley*

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## Pepperdine Announces Appointment of New University President

The University Board of Regents has announced that Andrew K. Benton will become seventh president of Pepperdine University, June 16, 2000. Dr. Benton has served as executive vice president since 1991. He was selected after a nationwide search which included 40 nominees and interviews of several candidates by faculty, staff, students, alumni, and administrators.

Benton, 47, is scheduled to replace President David Davenport, who announced last March he would be leaving the helm of Pepperdine University by June 15, 2000.

"We are convinced that Andrew Benton is best equipped to lead Pepperdine University into the next millennium with academic excellence and Christian values," said Thomas G. Bost, chairman of the Board of Regents.

A 1974 graduate of Oklahoma Christian University, Benton earned his bachelor of science degree in American Studies, and served as assistant to the president of that institution from 1975 to 1984. He earned his law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1979 and practiced law in the state of Oklahoma.

He came to Pepperdine in 1984 and worked in several key leadership roles during his tenure, including vice president for administration and vice president for university affairs. In addition, he has taught both undergraduate and graduate classes at the university.

Both Andrew and his wife, Deborah, are longtime members of the Church of Christ. Andy was raised in the Southside congregation in Lawrence, Kansas, where his father was an elder for many years. His brother is presently a minister for the Eastside Church of Christ in Midwest City, Oklahoma. Debby's home congregation was the Brown Trail church in the Fort Worth, Texas, area where her father was an elder. Today, her parents attend the Shiloh Road Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas.

His early church leadership experience began while in high school when he served as student senate president for nearly two years. As a Christian and an elected student leader, he spoke for a number of youth retreats and summer camps in addition to other youth groups. At Oklahoma Christian, he was also student senate president for two years where he spoke in chapel and devotionals.

Currently the Bentons host a Bible study for students in their home each Sunday evening and will continue to do so when he begins his role as president.

Benton is presently on the Board of Directors for The Employers Group of California, the Executive Committee for the West Coast Conference, and is a member of the American Bar Association and the Oklahoma Bar Association. He and Debby have been married 25 years and have two children, Hailey and Christopher.



Andrew K. Benton will become the seventh president of Pepperdine on June 16.

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The Campbell Church is a ministering congregation. L. to r., Randy Hall preaching with Power Point, Campbell Christian School computer lab, a children's ministry skit. Below, San Felipe, Mexico, house building crew.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **The Living Legacy of an Elder**

*by Chris Goldman*

In 1984 and 1985, I spent two summers interning with the West Freeway Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas. It was during those two summers that the congregation sent me with the teens to Circle C Camp in Colorado. Circle C was located at the foot of Long's Peak and camp included a five-mile hike to the snow-capped mountain. However, I soon discovered that neither the beautiful area nor the snow-capped mountains were the reason this camp had a waiting list a mile long. Rather, what drew these kids was a dream started by an elder named Don Boston that has impacted camps since the 1960s in Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Washington, and now California.

In the 1960s, Don Boston was a medical doctor dealing with the fallout of the drug culture. In his work with kids, he decided to take a group from the drug culture to the Colorado Rockies along with a group of young people from his church. What he discovered was that the church kids had as many problems as the street kids—just different problems. This began the discovery that a camp designed to develop faith for high school students was an effective tool for ministry.

While church camps had been around before Don Boston began his ministry, most camp models were fashioned by secular children's programs—not by the community of faith. Even today this is evidenced by the similarities between camp activities portrayed in Hollywood movies and the church camps hosted by most churches. Secular camps designed by community organizations were taken, reshaped to include Bible study, and promoted as "Christian Camp."

This model served the church well until it became evident that clean-cabin competitions had little relevance for a child from a broken home that was dealing with sexual addiction. While the environment did provide an escape from the

pressures at home, many youth ministers have asked "What stewardship responsibilities do we have when high school students give us a week of their lives?" Certainly a break from the pressures of their everyday world is a good thing, but are the secular models the best we can provide? This elder had, before the days of popularized youth ministry, asked that question and answered the question with a resounding, "No!"

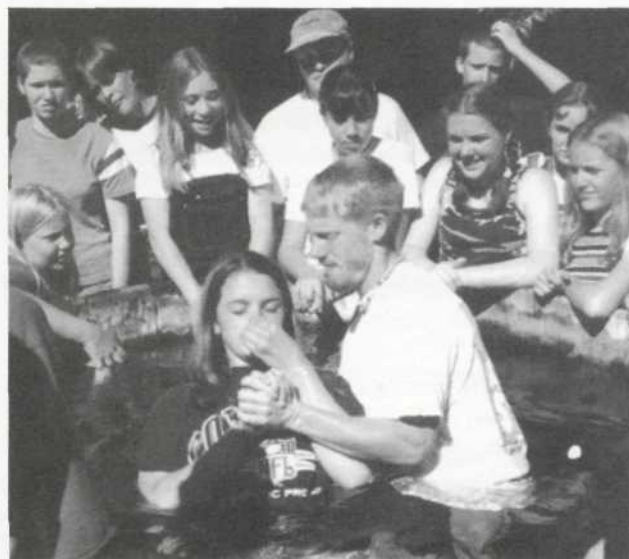
What is exciting to see in today's youth ministry are more and more camp experiences being designed by the community of faith to develop greater faith among teens who have to deal with problems and struggles that result from a self-indulgent society and often, self-consumed parents. Now, more than ever, the church is not willing to settle for a remake of the world's product, but insisting that creativity give birth to a higher level of camping experience based on faith development principles.

Don Boston's ministry continued in Colorado until 1988 when the camp relocated to New Mexico. In 1989 another camp session began in Washington State, which migrated south to what is now being called FDC (Faith Development Camp) in Northern California.

The camp is different not because of facility, but because of development, structure and purpose. Each year the developmental team includes any youth ministry that seeks to bring teens to the event. The slate is cleaned and a simple question is asked, "What can we do to develop the faith of our teens this summer?" If it develops faith, it is welcome.

If it doesn't develop faith, it is cut.

Naturally this has led to a restructuring of the entire camp model as most people know it. Noticeable changes are the absence of clean-cabin competitions, competitive sports, and the campfire version of Saturday Night Live. Replacing events like these are morning focus and



**Scotty Christensen of the Tri-Valley Church of Christ in Livermore baptizing a teen.**

quiet time, numerous encounters (physical activities that teach), Express Yourself (teens expressing their faith through their talent), afternoon "Level Learning," and an evening that closes with 90-120 minutes of praise and worship. Night after night the teens want the evening worship and prayer sessions to be extended.

Those involved with leading the camp realize that the joy we are experiencing is directly related to an elder who simply questioned whether or not teens were interested in attending a camp that faced the issue of faith development in a very intense, focused setting. Don Boston shaped a camp that shaped my faith, that, in turn is shaping the lives of countless others.

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*Chris Goldman is the minister for the Rancho Cordova Church of Christ.*



## CONGREGATION

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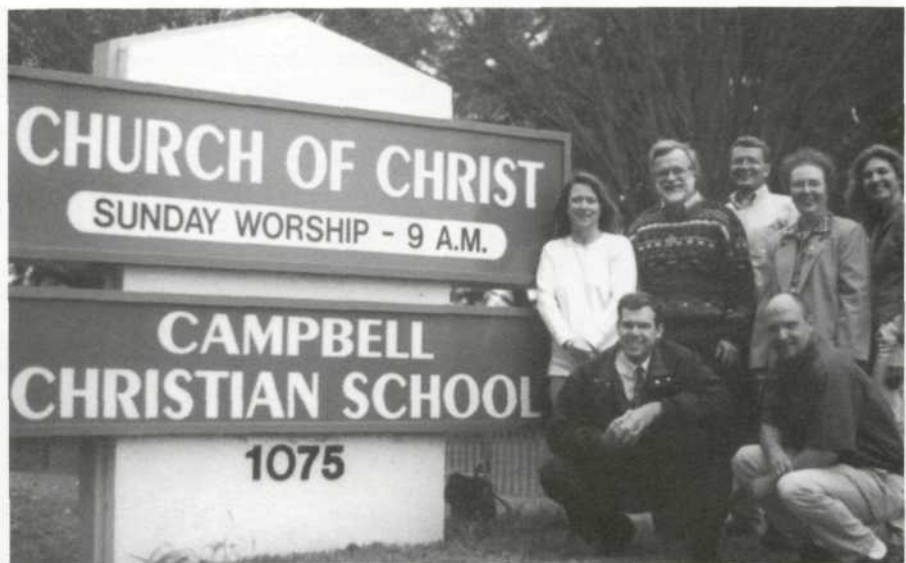
by Bill Henegar

Benjamin Campbell would be astounded, no doubt, at what has happened to his hay and grain fields. He came west in 1846, before the famous California gold rush. Just two years after the '49ers swarmed the land searching for gold at Sutter's Creek, Campbell was making a sounder investment, buying 160 acres of good land east of San Jose in Santa Clara County. Later, the property and surrounding lands were planted in orchards. Then the orchards gave way to urban development—and Benjamin's acreage became the civic center of a city named in his honor.

That sleepy farming community has emerged as part of the San Francisco Bay metropolitan area, with a regional population of more than three million. The City of Campbell wasn't incorporated until 1952, but boasts of a population of 38,000 today. It is surrounded by the Silicon Valley cities of San Jose, Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Saratoga, and Santa Clara. Farther north are Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and of course San Francisco.

Ten years before Campbell was incorporated, while much of the county was still agricultural, about two dozen Christians decided to plant a church in the community. War was raging in Europe and Asia. Then Pearl Harbor was bombed. Gasoline was rationed, making the drive to the San Jose church not only long, but also costly for the Campbell Christians.

Local resident Mentie Brown enlisted the help of Paul Tucker, the preacher for the San Jose congregation, and several Christians began planning for the future. Tucker was a young man who, just three and a half years before, had graduated from George Pepperdine's new college in Los Angeles. On January 2, 1942, less



Campbell Church of Christ Staff. Front row kneeling l to r: Scott Falkowski, associate minister; Walter Surdacki, student and family minister. Back row, l to r: Barbara Garcia, church office; Randy Hall, preaching minister; Garry Bortz, children's and music minister; Peggy Cross, church office; Susan Hutton, finance office. Not pictured: Francisco Ramirez, Hispanic minister.

Elders currently serving the Campbell Church of Christ, left to right: Bob Stone, B.J. Latta, Bob Workley, David Treat, Ador Villanueva, Browning Smith, and Billy Fong. Not pictured: Gordon Kruger.



than a month after Pearl Harbor, Paul preached for the first worship service of the little church in Campbell. Soon, Bude Little became the regular minister. They met in a hall, which rented for \$7.50 per week. Some of the charter members were the Littles, the Noonkesters, the Coffeys, the Browns, the Hames, the Mobleys, and Mattie French.

About four years later, the Campbell Church of Christ was formally organized. To satisfy legal requirements, a board of

directors was elected. That board included A. W. Hall, S. J. Noonkester, J. E. Coffey, and R. R. Kirk. Anticipating the need for a permanent building, the church purchased three lots at the corner of Esther and Latimer avenues. By that time the Sunday attendance was 65, with as many as 130 in the summer when temporary cannery workers were in the area. In 1946 Bude Little resigned as minister and was followed by M. S. Gabbard, Hamilton Gabbard, E. M. Borden, and others.





Top left: Chapel program for Campbell Christian School.

Top right: For years, members have built houses for needy families in San Felipe, Mexico. Here they present a family with the ceremonial key to their new home.

Left: Minister Garry Bortz leading singing on Sunday morning.

In 1948 Cliff Winters and his family became part of the Campbell Church and Cliff served as part-time minister for the next three years. The church building was completed in 1949 but almost immediately more space was needed. Land was purchased on Rincon Avenue in 1951, and about the same time, the congregation appointed its first elders. They were Shaver Martin, Al Weeks, and Cliff Winters.

A new building was erected on Rincon Avenue in 1953, just four years after the first building had been completed. It was only one expression of the energy of the early 1950s. The church was shipping packages of clothing to the poor

in the Philippines and making plans to plant other congregations throughout the region. New leadership was also being added. By 1957 the church had purchased a duplex next to the building to serve as classrooms and as a preacher's home. At the same time, the building was remodeled and expanded, with the addition of a second story filled with classrooms. The congregation now had grown to about 375 in attendance.

The area around Campbell began to dramatically change in the early 1960s. Electronic giants like IBM and Hewlett-Packard built plants in the vicinity and soon the world referred to it as "Silicon Valley." The orchards and other agricul-

ture began disappearing. As they did, thousands of people moved into the area and the Campbell Church continued to grow. In twenty years it had increased from about thirty to more than 400.

In the early 1960s more ministries were begun. The church supported the Braille Ministry and Sierra Children's Home. Clothing was sent to the Manuelito Navajo Indian Mission, in addition to the Philippines. And the church planting began in earnest. A congregation in Blossom Hill was started. Property in Cupertino was paid off and a building constructed. Before long, a group of about a hundred Campbell members was meeting in Cupertino.

Because of the church planting, membership dropped to around 260 by 1963. But again there was a burst of energy with missionary work being supported in Korea, Mexico, and elsewhere. In 1965 yet another church building was completed and occupied, this time on Campbell Avenue, and the Rincon property was sold.

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## OUTREACH

### Inland Valley Launches Christian Education Center

by Ted Parks

The brochure kicks off with a warning. Destruction is on the horizon, but not from economic crisis or natural disaster.

The problem, echoing Hosea, is a failure to know. To know God, that is. And the brochure's solution: the Christian Educational Center (CEC), Centro Educacional Cristiano in Spanish.

Tom Allen, minister at Inland Valley Church of Christ in Ontario, near Los Angeles, wanted to reach more Hispanics and to nurture unity among Hispanic Christians in the area. The CEC is "the Lord's ministry," said Allen, explaining that God "just kind of gave it to me, I mean put it in my head."

The goals of CEC, said Allen, are "to equip, educate, and evangelize," with the focus on the Spanish-speaking. The local church is the heart of the program, serving as host for each center and providing oversight for its activities. The program enables a congregation to use resources and expertise otherwise beyond its grasp to establish its own educational outreach.

The larger CEC ministry can help Hispanic congregations get their individual centers started. A general fund allows the ministry to furnish materials, like classes on tape, to churches that couldn't afford them.

Two additional components of each educational center are a library and bookstore. Allen said that only recently have publishers made scholarly tools for Bible study available in Spanish. Though such standard works as *Vine's Expository Dictionary* have been translated, the price is still out of reach for many Hispanic Christians, Allen explained.

The CEC makes books for Bible study and Christian growth available on a donation basis. If someone wants a book but can't afford the full price, Allen said,

the CEC bookstore will sell it for whatever the person can pay. The CEC library, likewise, houses reference tools like dictionaries and concordances so that students can delve deeper into the Bible.

For the biblical part of its curriculum, CEC is using videotaped courses from the Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI). Headquartered in Lubbock, Texas, SIBI offers a variety of courses on tape through its External Studies Program. SIBI has completed the translation of five courses into Spanish.

Another advantage Allen sees to a CEC is better use of church buildings. If businesses were open as little as churches, Allen argues, they would soon shut down altogether. With courses and a library available to church members and the community, a CEC brings people in at times classrooms are ordinarily empty.

"Because of CEC, our building is getting used more and more," Allen said of the Inland Valley Church of Christ.

The Ontario congregation launched the first classes in its pilot center August 26, 1999, with seven students. Five days later it opened its expanded library to students and the community. A new term began in January with ten students.

Last fall, students took "Historical Christian Evidences" and "The Distinctive Nature of the Church" on tape from SIBI. During the recent term, they had SIBI's "Life and Teachings of Christ" and "The Book of Romans."

By relying on SIBI's expertise, Allen explained, a congregation does not need a highly trained instructor to give the

class. Virgil Yocham, dean of the external studies program at SIBI, noted that the courses provide "a textual, expository study of the biblical texts themselves."

Both the teachings of Jesus and Romans are taught by SIBI's Richard Rogers. Yocham said Rogers had 30 years of experience at Sunset.

Gabriel Echeverría, a CEC student at Ontario, likes the courses. He found the level of instruction a good match for his needs, commenting, "for me it's perfect."



CEC students watch a videotaped Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI) class at Inland Valley Church of Christ. These SIBI courses are a fundamental building block of the current CEC curriculum.

Echeverría outlined a typical class at the center. After a short introduction, he said, students watch the video and take notes on the discussion. The session ends with questions and answers to clarify the lesson just presented.

Allen added that students take a self-test as homework, then check and discuss their answers at the start of the next session. Classes are an hour, the video taking up roughly half the time.

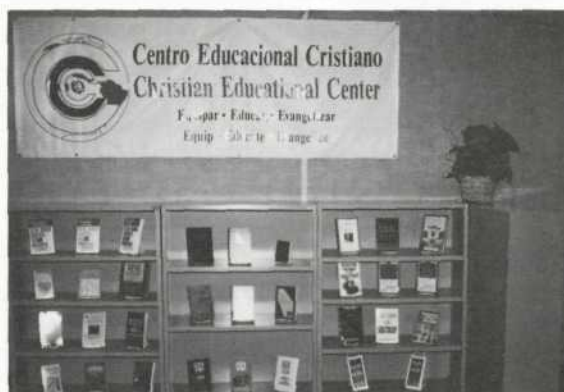
Students have three options for the video-based courses. Level I is auditing. Students listen to the lessons and use the accompanying workbook but complete no tests or additional assignments. Auditors who finish the course receive a certificate. Level II also earns a certificate but requires additional work, including a mid-term and final.



Among the heftier requirements of Level III are extra readings and more writing. Successful completion earns students not only a certificate, but credit at SIBI toward a Biblical Studies Ministry Certificate.



Students complete the fall 1999 semester of the Christian Education Center. The fall term was the program's first.



Bookstore in pilot CEC program at Inland Valley Church of Christ. CEC bookstores provide responsible Christian reading at whatever prices students can afford.

CEC defines its educational outreach broadly. "The education needed first and foremost is of God," the introductory brochure reads. But also in the scope for Hispanic Christians are "reading and writing skills, parenting skills, personal relationship skills, conflict resolution skills, managing personal finances skills," and English instruction, the brochure continues.

Two classes from the fall illustrate the broad, real-life focus. Dr. Bruce Smith, member of the Redlands Church of Christ and medical officer for San Bernardino

County, taught a session in September on teen pregnancy. Smith returned in December to talk about HIV and AIDS.

With experience as a medical missionary in Central America, Smith lectured first in English, then repeated the lecture during the following hour in Spanish.

Allen sees classes like Smith's as part of CEC's service to the community. And the life-oriented instruction fits CEC's mission. Smith's teaching "was presented from the Christian perspective," Allen said. Observing Jesus ministered to the hungry, Allen added, "I see the Lord feeding them physically so that he could reach and touch their hearts."

The dream is for CEC to reach far beyond the pilot phase at Inland Valley. Allen wants to go online. With a website, the program could furnish materials to any spot on the globe with a computer and modem. Sending materials to workers in places with limited educational resources would be "another way of serving the church," Allen said.

For now, Allen is confident of CEC's initial impact. The pilot program is "really raising the level of knowledge of the members that are taking the courses." If CEC can improve the way people live by teaching them God's will for the realities of life, "we have done something," Allen said. Whatever the effort, he added, it's "all with the hope that they will in time come to the Lord."

For more information about CEC, please call Tom Allen at 800-582-6836 or [torch@clubnet.net](mailto:torch@clubnet.net)

*Ted Parks is an associate professor of Spanish at Pepperdine University.*

## For the 8th Year Pepperdine University Offers Bible Lectures Program in Spanish

*Friday, May 5*

▶ 11:30 am

Picnic in Alumni Park

▶ 2:00 pm

"I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel:  
Evangelism Alternatives"

*Manuel Magos, Escondido, California  
and Tom Allen, Ontario, California*

Room: AC 234

▶ 3:15 pm

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

*Carlos Gonzales, El Paso, Texas*

Room: AC 234

▶ 7:00 pm

"With One Voice"

*Miguel Bustillos, La Mesa, Texas*

Raitt Recital Hall

▶ 9:00 pm

"Come Into His Presence  
With Singing"

*In His Name, La Mesa, Texas*

Raitt Recital Hall

Overnight accommodations available  
at Pepperdine for Friday night.

*Saturday, May 6*

▶ 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Fellowship, Bible Study and Praise  
Time with "In His Name"

*Fillmore Church of Christ  
(805) 524-2580*

▶ 5:00 pm

"In His Name" performs at  
Montebello Church of Christ  
(323) 721-0031

*Sunday, May 7*

▶ Sunday Morning Services with  
Escondido Church of Christ  
Final performance of "In His Name"  
(760) 839-7380



# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## Update of Western Campus Ministries

by Rick Rowland

### UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

"Five University of Arizona students have been baptized this school year," according to first year Campus Minister Wayne Atkinson. "One of the big highlights of spring break this year was a mission trip with students to Cuernavaca, Mexico." Atkinson also reports that "two more University of Arizona students may be baptized, before the end of the year," through the Ambassadors for Christ program sponsored by the Churches of Christ in the Tucson area.

### ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Twenty students from Abilene Christian University spent their spring break conducting a survey at the University of California, San Diego. While in San Diego, California, the ACU students were under the guidance of the Canyon View Church of Christ's Campus/Singles Minister Jon Jones. The ACU and Canyon View college age members spent an entire day conducting the survey "Survey of Collegiate Thought" on the campus and found numerous atheists, agnostics, and homosexual students who were willing to participate by answering the questionnaire. Jones stated that the results of the survey will be published shortly and that about thirty different students at UCSD were willing to study God's word in the future with himself or Canyon View members.

### YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Tim Woodroof from Nashville, Tennessee was the featured speaker at the Fourth Annual Young Adults Retreat 2000 April 28-30 at the Pine Valley Bible Camp. The theme for the retreat was "Walk the Way." The retreat was sponsored by the Canyon View Church of Christ and directed by Jon Jones.

### WESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, DAUPHIN, MANATOBA, CANADA

Western Christian College in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada, hosted their annual seminar March 10-12 with nine sessions taught by Scott Lambert. "Looking for God" was the theme from Acts 8:9-10.

### PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

The "highest attendance in history at our sponsored events and worship services" have happened in the 1999-2000 school year according to Scott Lambert, the Malibu Church of Christ Campus Minister at Pepperdine. Wednesday Care Group for students has averaged 225 to 250 while worship services have 525-600 present on Sundays. The Winter Retreat had 240 in attendance and featured Chris Green from Phoenix, Arizona.

Pepperdine Religion Division graduate student Jon Jones completed an in-depth survey titled "Campus/Singles Ministry in Southern California Churches of Christ" for his Campus Ministry class in April 2000. If you would like copies, contact the Canyon View Church of Christ or [JonJones@canyonview.org](mailto:JonJones@canyonview.org)

The 57th Pepperdine Bible Lectures will feature a Campus Ministries Interest Luncheon on Thursday, May 4 at noon in the Hahn Fireside Room. Scott Lambert will be the featured speaker and Rick Rowland will coordinate the event which is open to anyone wanting to learn about starting a campus ministry or to learn about what is happening nationally on various Churches of Christ college campuses.

### CASCADE COLLEGE

Students at Cascade College have launched the Cascade College Ministry Team to give young people a structured avenue for service, especially to the many smaller congregations of the Pacific Northwest. In one of the team's first ac-

tivities, about a dozen students served the newly established Peninsula Church of Christ in Longview, Washington, during spring break, March 18-26. In addition to distributing information about the fledgling church to area residents and setting up Bible studies, the students also served lunch in a shelter for the area's homeless.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAMPUS MINISTRY RETREAT

The ninth annual Rocky Mountain Campus Ministry Retreat was held March 30-April 2. Campus ministry leaders from Boise State University, Oregon State University, Montana State University and the University of Wyoming were among those who attended. The Yellowstone Church of Christ graciously hosted about 70 participants. The theme for the weekend was "Serving the True and Living God," and was based on Thessalonians.

*Rick Rowland is a professor of communications at Pepperdine and an elder at the Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield, California.*



### Fifth Annual College Age Seminar

*"Body Building: Why The Church Needs The College Ages' Spiritual Gifts"*

Guest Speakers: Scott & Kim Lambert, Pepperdine University Campus Ministry

**Nov. 4-5, 2000**

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## TRIBUTES

### A Beautiful Life: Celebrating the Life and Work of Baldemar Rios

by Shawn Anderson

In late August of 1999, hundreds of friends and loved ones from across Mexico and the United States assembled in Tijuana to pay tribute to Baldemar Rios, lifetime servant in the Church of Christ. Although he was instrumental in establishing the church in Baja California, he will be best remembered for his humility, integrity, and love for God.

Baldemar Rios was born in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, on July 25, 1937. He was baptized by Manuel Gutiérrez on December 23, 1953, and became an active member of the church in Juarez. In 1958, Baldemar moved to Tijuana, Baja California. Not content to stand still, Baldemar helped construct a church in the Anexa Morelos district of the city. On opening day, December 20, 1959, 600 people crowded into the narrow walls of the building. It was the first Church of Christ building in Tijuana.

In 1961, Baldemar married Teresa Pantoja, and she joined in his efforts to spread the Good News. In the early and mid-1960s, Baldemar built in the Obrera, Rosarito, Marua, and Aleman districts of Tijuana. By 1967, the church in Tijuana had grown significantly, and plans were underway to launch a preachers' training school in Tijuana. With the help of a few dedicated men, Baldemar built the ground floor of the Instituto Biblico Latino Americano, or IBLA, and its doors were opened for Bible classes on October 7, 1968.

That same year, an orphanage was begun in Sausal, Baja California. Baldemar served as secretary for one year, and was named president the following year. Un-

der Baldemar's leadership, the orphanage grew to ninety children. In 1972, the orphanage was reestablished by Earl Farmer, who renamed it The City of Children. Baldemar moved back to Tijuana, and taught Bible at the IBLA through the 1970s. He was coordinator of the IBLA from 1979-1993, when he retired for health reasons.

After a life of service to God, Baldemar Rios died on August 21, 1999. His love for God and the church was contagious, and many lives were brought to Christ as a result of his influence, dedication, and example of a Christian life.

Baldemar is survived by his wife, Teresa, five sons, Arturo, Abel, Ariel, Avelardo, and Adrian, and one daughter, Nohemi. Baldemar's oldest son, Arturo, is the current director of the IBLA, now called

the Latin American Christian Institute. Abel is a teacher at the Institute, and is a preacher in Tijuana. Avelardo teaches youth classes at the Anexa Morelos church, and Nohemi teaches Bible classes at the Tecolote Church of Christ. Remaining family members include eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Through the sweat of his brow, Baldemar has left a legacy that lives on in the lives of his family and many friends. Baldemar Rios lived a beautiful life!



Baldemar Rios in 1968



After a life of service to God, Baldemar Rios died on August 21, 1999.

Shawn Anderson is a minister for the Woodland Hills Church of Christ.

### Remembering a Former Pepperdine Religion Professor and Minister

Thomas L. Campbell, preacher and educator in California and Texas for more than 64 years, died April 2 in Fort Worth, Texas.



He was a graduate of Abilene Christian College, in Abilene, Texas, in 1937 and earned the master's degree in religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Campbell came to Pepperdine College in 1958 and taught religion and Christian education courses. He earned his doctorate in religious education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1968 and continued teaching at Pepperdine until 1981.

While at Pepperdine, Campbell was minister of the Pasadena Church of Christ from 1959-1964, then preached in Jeffersonville, Indiana, while in doctoral studies. Upon his return to Pepperdine in 1968, he was minister for the Hawthorne Church of Christ until his retirement in 1981. He continued serving the Hawthorne church until moving to San Diego in 1990. He returned for two more years full time in 1995-1997.

He was the Adult Education Editor of the *Christian Bible Teacher* in the 1960s and 1970s and edited two books from Fort Worth lectureships entitled *Why I Left* and *What Went Wrong*.

His wife, the former Wanda Mayfield and an Abilene Christian classmate in 1937, died in August, 1996. He married the former Frances Rhoten February 28, 1998, and they lived in North Richland Hills until his death.



## LIFESTYLE

### Crossing Division Street

by Rick Gibson

Have you heard the latest variation on the oldest joke? "Why did the preacher cross the road? To get to the other side." That tired old joke isn't worth repeating unless you are talking about Drs. Taylor and Lois McKenzie. This preacher, his wife, and their energetic congregation of 435 members are always crossing the street for one simple reason: their community is on the other side.

The church is located at 61<sup>st</sup> and Division streets, on the border of east San Diego and National City. Division Street literally is meant to divide the citizens of one city from the citizens of another. The congregation that is sometimes referred to as "Division Street" (short for "61<sup>st</sup> and Division Church of Christ") is unwilling to live up to that nickname—for it expresses the very thing that they are not.

To find the roots of such a strong commitment to the community, you must understand the early part of Taylor McKenzie's life. Raised in the home of a servant-leader father, Taylor learned that you must often go the extra mile to truly help people. Each Sunday after church, the senior McKenzie would pack up his son, as well as a few of the men in his congregation who he knew could preach, and travel to rural areas to conduct Sunday services for small communities of believers meeting in homes. Taylor's father would lead singing and the others would

preach and teach. Taylor chuckles when he hears some Christians complain about attending Sunday evening services as well as Sunday morning. "I went to services three and four times a Sunday!" he says. When asked why his father was motivated to serve in this way, Sunday after Sunday,

Taylor responds as if it were a shallow question. "Because those churches needed him to," he says flatly.

Today, that simple response drives the ministry at 61<sup>st</sup> and Division Church. But it wasn't always so. While Taylor may have desired to reach the community around him, the community would not respond. He did not understand the dynamics that divided his congrega-

tion from his neighborhood. Sermon after sermon brought affirming nods and handshakes at the door, but it did not bear fruit. The neighborhood gave only a weak response. It would take a profound self-discovery after some years of preaching to bring Taylor to the conclusion that now guides his ministry.

Despite those weekly Sunday preaching and teaching tours with his father (or perhaps because of them), Taylor McKenzie never intended to go into ministry. He entered college and determined to study business, and to do what every young man wants to do—make his mark on a world full of opportunity. His career move began the day the preacher of

the New San Jose Church of Christ in Carlsbad, New Mexico, made a career move of his own. He quit! Needing a preacher, the congregation quickly turned to Taylor and asked him to fill in as pulpit minister. He accepted a part-time position and began considering the advantages of changing his major from business to communication arts. He thought the new field of study would help him develop his newfound vocation.

After preaching part-time through his sophomore year of college, he accepted a position at the Raven Street congregation in San Diego. It was there that the young preacher made an important discovery about his ministry. He learned that, for many years, he had preached "churchism." Perhaps the message was not clear because *he* had not been clear. He had taught method, not the message. Taylor recalls, "When I taught 'Church of Christ,' there was little growth. When I taught Christ, the congregation began to grow."

Some in the congregation did not accept the new message well. Taylor drew on his communication skills, his techniques of persuasion, and his interpersonal relationships to move the congregation to a more open posture. The results have been dramatic.

The congregation moved from Raven Street to its new home at 61<sup>st</sup> and Division. And Taylor McKenzie has been preaching "Christ only" for many years. He teaches people

how to find fulfillment in everyday living through Jesus. And the neighborhood is listening and responding to the message.

His wife, Lois, has pioneered new programs that bring the community in contact with the church. The most no-



**Drs. Taylor and Lois McKenzie have served the 61<sup>st</sup> and Division Street Church of Christ in San Diego for nearly 30 years.**

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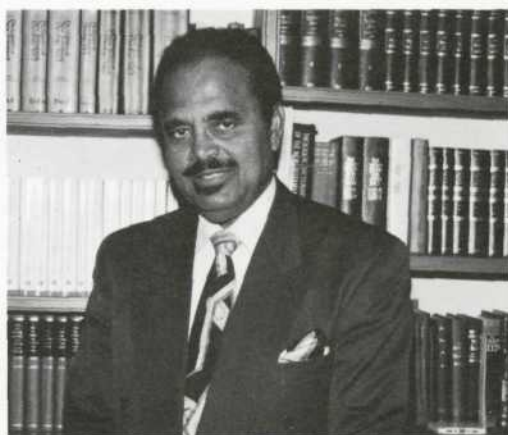
The Church of Christ at 61st and Division Street in San Diego, California, has approximately 435 members.

table effort is an annual women's seminar that consistently has drawn 500 to 600 women from the community and around Southern California for the past twenty-one years. Just as her husband has done with his sermons, Lois has shaped the seminar to inspire women to practically embrace spiritual living.

Dr. Lois McKenzie has special insight into the needs of a community.

Drawing on her years of experience with the San Diego Unified School District as a district counselor, Lois is especially drawn to projects that serve the needs of the children of the community. She has inspired the congregation to embark upon an aggressive building project. Later this year, 61<sup>st</sup> and Division will begin developing the land next door, building a multi-purpose structure that will hold a pre-school and elementary school. It will allow the congregation to interact more fully with the community, filling a very important need.

Lois smiles as she reflects upon the civic organizations and community groups that meet at the church building throughout the week. "People are sur-



Dr. Taylor McKenzie

prised that a church would simply open its building to them, free of charge," she says. "The neighborhood people are most appreciative to be in contact with a church that cooperates with the community, and does not hide from it."

These days, the ministry of Taylor and Lois McKenzie reaches far beyond the east San Diego community in which they work. Both are professors at Grossmont College. Lois is also an adjunct professor at San Diego City College. At least three times a year, the McKenzies travel throughout the country offering marriage and family seminars. All of the classes they offer emphasize conflict management—a subject that they find lacking in most relationships.



Dr. Lois McKenzie

The real fruit of the McKenzies' work is the ministry of the 61<sup>st</sup> and Division congregation. And that ministry for the past thirty years and more has been about making *connections*. Whether it is building bridges to the community or simply crossing the street to reach out to a neighborhood in need, this congregation refuses to be isolated by those things that often divide people. Instead, they are seeking to unite their neighborhood through service, ultimately bringing people into contact with Jesus. Under the leadership of Taylor and Lois McKenzie, this east San Diego congregation crossed Division Street a long time ago.

*Rick Gibson is the director of University Publications for Pepperdine.*



## HERITAGE

### Restoration Pioneer in Oregon

by Bonnie Miller

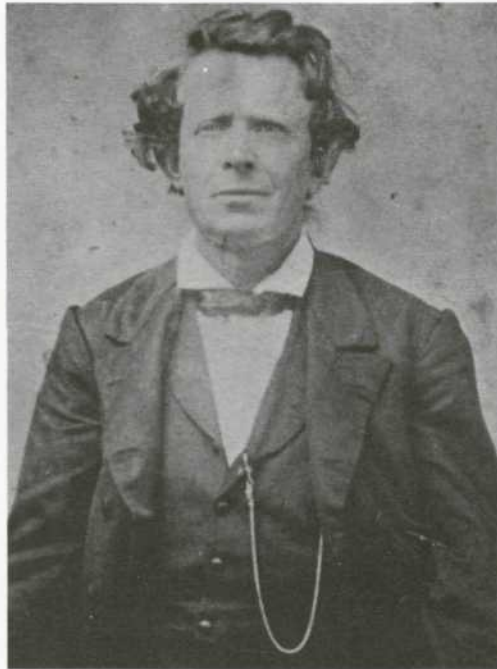
You can't read Oregon history without reading about our spiritual ancestors. Many of the most prominent figures in the state's early years were also members of the Restoration Movement, or "Campbellites" as they were derogatorily labeled. Several of our Christian brothers played important roles in the development of the state including James McBride, L.L. Rowland, George L. Woods, and the flamboyant William Lysander Adams.

Born in Painesville, Ohio on Feb. 5, 1821, Billy Adams received his formal education at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. It was there that he met his wife-to-be, Frances Olivia Goodell, a native of Harmony, Maine. They became engaged in the fall of 1842 but postponed their wedding until Billy had completed a year of study under Alexander Campbell at Bethany College in Virginia. While at Bethany, Billy became Campbell's close friend and protégé and even lived in the Campbell home. However, due to severe eyestrain from overstudy, he left Bethany a month before he was to graduate. Upon leaving Bethany, Campbell appointed him his book agent for Illinois and Indiana. Although ill with measles and other complications that summer, Billy managed to sell enough books to profit \$17. Combining that with \$15 Frances had saved from her teaching job, they were wed on August 25, 1844.

In the fall of 1845 Billy began teaching school in Henderson County, Illinois. He was offered five years' employment to take charge of Illinois University in Jacksonville, in the winter of 1846. He declined the offer having already caught "the Oregon fever" which was sweeping Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and other states. Having paid off all his college debts, he was ready to depart. However, just three days

before they were to leave, on March 8, 1847, his father Sebastian, died. Billy postponed his trip for a year in hopes of persuading his mother and siblings to accompany him, but they chose to remain in Ohio until 1852.

His friends thought he was a reckless visionary and even Alexander Campbell tried to discourage him from making the journey. Campbell wrote to him, "Is there not land enough, and are there not people



William Lysander Adams studied with Alexander Campbell at Bethany College in Virginia before moving to Oregon Territory in 1847 where he became one of the leaders of the Restoration Movement.

enough in Illinois for your talent and enterprise without burying yourself and family in the Oregon wilderness among the savages?" Adams replied, "No. Illinois is not big enough or good enough for me. My soul hungers for something that Illinois cannot give. In Oregon I expect to find what I desire."

On their last day with the Christians in Illinois with whom they worshipped, the congregation sang:

*My Christian friends in bonds of love,  
Whose hearts the sweetest union prove;*

*But pilgrims in a foreign land,  
We oft must take the parting hand.*

The church gathered around Adams and his family shaking hands, embracing and sobbing.

Having sold one of his 8 yoke of oxen to fellow Restorationist William Bristow, Billy and Frances left Galesburg in March 1848 with their two children, Inez (born in 1845) and 2-month-old Helen. On April 10 they crossed the Missouri River, then waited 2 weeks for his books and clothing to dry out which had become water-soaked as the river had run over the top of the wagon bed.

They always stopped to rest and observe Sundays in spite of the dangers and hardships encountered on such a trip. Crossing the Cascade Range was the last major obstacle. The cattle and teams were weak and reduced almost to skeletons while the faces of the immigrants were peeled and scaled by the alkali of the sage plains. By the time they reached Barlow's Toll gate, which had been opened two years earlier to provide the last overland link in the Oregon Trail, many of the members of the train decided to go down the Columbia River on rafts instead. Adams announced that he would go on by way of the Barlow Toll Road even though rain had left the road almost impassable. The gate keeper's journal records that Adams paid "one quilt" as his fee to use the road, a practice common among those who had no cash to pay the \$5 per wagon toll. The route was lined with dead horses and cattle lost by those who had come before. He and Frances had to carry the children and their goods up the steepest hills and go back and drive the empty wagons for the cattle were too weak to pull the laden wagons.

Ten days after passing Barlow's gate they reached Philip Foster's, the first house they had seen in six months. Mr. Foster provided a peck of potatoes and offered Billy every accommodation for



the winter if he would stay and teach school there. Adams did not like the country there however, and decided to continue on. Upon reaching Oregon City he borrowed \$2 to pay his ferriage over the Willamette River and had 10¢ left, which slipped through a hole in his pocket that winter.

Traveling 35 miles farther west he came to Yamhill County in October 1848 and settled on Panther Creek adjacent to Dr. James McBride's homestead. The McBrides, fellow Restorationists, welcomed Billy and his family into their home until they could roll up a cabin of their own. Adams recalled, "They boiled peas for breakfast, dinner and supper, and browned them for coffee" which they drank without sugar or milk.

That winter Adams and the women in the neighborhood, along with the few men who had not gone to the gold fields of California, built a lean-to as an addition to James Fulton's log cabin to serve as a school house. Over the door a sign, written with charcoal, announced the existence of "Yamhill University." He taught 15-20 children that winter with a blackboard, crude benches and a few books. McBride offered one of the three rooms of his log cabin for a schoolhouse and Adams continued his teaching there.

Adams took great pride in the outcome of his students and boasted that he had taught John R. McBride, who was afterward a member of Congress from Oregon (and Adams' brother-in-law) and was appointed by Lincoln as chief justice of Idaho; Judge Thomas A. McBride, who became a justice of the Supreme Court of Oregon; George L. Woods, later

Oregon's third governor and subsequently appointed governor of Utah; and L.L. Rowland, afterward State Superintendent of Public Instruction. It should also be noted that they were all members of the Restoration Movement and active in establishing the church in Oregon.

It was certain that Yamhill County was the stronghold of the Churches of Christ in Oregon and most of the Pacific Northwest during these early pio-

time between farming and preaching in Yamhill and vicinity.

He was remembered by his children and friends as a minister as well as a politician, writer and doctor. Although never employed as a preacher, Billy frequently "ascended the sacred rostrum and expounded the Gospel." Historian Elwood Evans claimed that he heard many men and women say, "I would rather hear Adams talk than visit a theater." Evans also observed that "there

are two subjects he never allows to be assailed in his hearing without speaking in their defense — Abe Lincoln and the New Testament."

Billy's daughter, Inez Parker, recalled going to church regularly and her father's custom of translating Bible passages into Chinook jargon before assembled bands of Klickitat Indians who passed through their farm on food-gathering expeditions.

Adam's pungent pen and eloquent oratory would leave their mark on the emerging Oregon Territory throughout the 1850s. As

an editor, politician and gospel preacher, he was unsurpassed.

One of his sons, Gaines Melanchthon, moved to Pateros, Washington in 1889 where he taught school, practiced medicine, farmed and planted a congregation of the Church of Christ. Two of Gaines' sons, Cecil and Francis, became preachers in the Church of Christ and two of Gaines' grandsons became elders in Churches of Christ in central Washington.

*Bonnie Miller serves as church secretary for the Church of Christ that meets on Andreson Road in Vancouver, Washington.*



William and Frances Adams and their growing family settled near Panther Creek in Oregon's Yamhill County. This photo was taken in the mid-1850s.

neer days. Diaries of several denominational missionaries in Oregon all note the early activities of the "Campbellites" in the area and a quick count will establish that there were more "Christians only" in Oregon Territory than all the Congregationalists, Baptists and Methodist Episcopalians combined.

Adams wasted no time in putting his oratorical skills to work. In August of 1850 he preached the first sermon at the official organization of the church of Christ in Pleasant Hill (near Eugene) where his old friends the Bristows had begun a church. He was known for his eloquence as a minister and divided his



# PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Agnes Gibson

**Otis Baskin**, dean of The Graziadio School of Business and Management, preached for the Canyon View Church of Christ in San Diego on January 16.

**David Baird**, dean of Seaver College, preached for La Habra Church of Christ on January 30.

**Andrew Benton**, president-designate, spoke at a dinner for the Church Leaders Council in Danville April 9.

**Randy Chesnutt**, professor of Religion, preached for the Exeter Church of Christ on January 23.

**David Davenport**, president, preached for the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles on January 23.

**Ken Durham**, minister at Malibu Church of Christ, delivered the theme message for Pepperdine's "Celebrating the Promises of God" worship service on January 2. On March 11 he taught at Pepperdine's "Spiritual Disciplines Retreat," and on March 13 he taught a class titled "Christianity and Conflict" at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution. During the Pepperdine Lectures week, May 2-5, he will present a class with Dr. Rick Marrs.

**Gary Hanson**, vice president and general counsel, preached in Santa Barbara for the Turnpike Road Church of Christ on January 30.

**Richard Hughes**, distinguished professor of Religion, spoke for the Day Spring Church of Christ in Edmond, Oklahoma, on January 23 and 30 on church history, and on January 24 he spoke at the chapel program of Oklahoma Christian University. On March 31 he gave the keynote lecture to the annual deans' meeting for the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities in Anaheim, California. He also spoke for the Homewood Church of Christ in Birmingham, Alabama, on April 16.

**Susan Giboney**, lecturer in the Humanities/Teacher Education Division,

conducted a "Parenting University" seminar at Calvary Christian School in Pacific Palisades on March 5 and led the Terry and Susan Giboney Marriage Mentoring Seminar on April 1.

**Rick Gibson**, director of University Publications, preached for the Central Church of Christ in Bakersfield on January 23. On April 9 he spoke to members of the Church Leaders Council at a dinner program in Danville, California.

**Bill Henegar**, assistant vice president for Creative Services, preached and led Bible class for the Torrance Church of Christ on January 30.

**Herman "Woody" Hughes**, professor of Education, preached for the Bellflower Church of Christ on January 16 and for the Temple City Church of Christ on January 23.

**John Jones**, assistant professor of Communications, preached for the Ojai Church of Christ on February 23.

**Scott Lambert**, campus minister, was a teacher/trainer for a "Let's Start Talking" training weekend at the Walnut Creek Church of Christ on January 28-30. On March 16-20 he was a retreat speaker and teacher for the "All Canada Student Ministry Retreat" in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada.

**Steve Lemley**, provost, preached for the Camarillo Church of Christ on January 9 and for the Murrietta Church of Christ on January 23.

**D'Esta Love**, dean of students, taught three classes during the Abilene Christian University Bible lectures.

**Rick Marrs**, professor and chair of the Religion Division, preached for the Mission Viejo Church of Christ on January 23 and for the Rancho Cordova Church of Christ on February 6. In May he will speak at a Minister's Sermon Seminar at David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Jeff Pippin**, vice president for Finance and Administration, preached for Indio Church of Christ on January 30.

**Jerry Rushford**, director of Church Relations and professor of Religion, preached for Churches of Christ in Kirkby, England, and Glenrothes, Scotland, in December, and for California Churches of Christ in El Segundo (Hilltop), Bakersfield (Westside), Campbell, and Escondido (North County) in January. In February he preached for the Britton Road and Memorial Road Churches of Christ in Oklahoma City, and in March-April he preached for Churches of Christ in Vancouver, Washington; Royal Oak, Michigan; Port Orchard, Washington; Martinez, California; and Longview, Washington. He spoke to California church leaders in January dinner meetings at Visalia, Livermore, Rancho Cordova, Pismo Beach and San Diego. In February he gave the Thomas F. Staley lectures at Oklahoma Christian University, and in March-April he taught in Pepperdine's off-campus master's program in Portland, Oregon.

**Larry Sullivan**, assistant director for the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, preached for the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, the Northridge Church of Christ in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the Pasadena Church of Christ, Long Beach Church of Christ and he facilitated planning discussions for the Culver Palms Church of Christ in January. February 6 he preached for the Hesperia Church of Christ. On March 3-4 he taught at the Minnesota Bible College in Rochester, Minnesota, and trained 68 church leaders on how to manage conflict in the church.

**Tim Willis**, associate professor of Religion, preached for the Camarillo Church of Christ on January 16 and for the Arlington Street Church of Christ in Riverside on January 23. On January 30 and February 27 he preached for the Sierra Madre Church of Christ.

**Keith Whitney**, professor of the Business Education Division, preached on February 13 in San Diego for the El Cajon



# On the Road Again . . .

Blvd. and North Hills Churches of Christ  
**Helen Young**, assistant director of Church Relations, along with her daughter **Emily Lemley**, were guest speakers at the Figueroa Women's Symposium on Jan. 28-30. She was also the guest speaker for the Oxnard Church of Christ ladies day. April 7-9, Helen chaired a panel discussion for the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas.

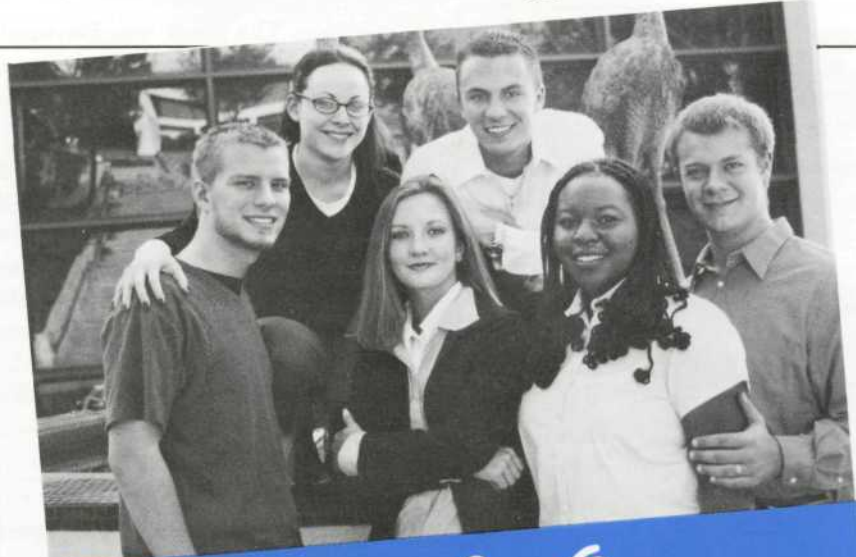
## Pepperdine to Host 13th Annual Associated Women for Christian Education Conference

The 13th annual Associated Women for Christian Education Conference will be hosted by the Associated Women for Pepperdine University June 8 through 10 on the Malibu campus. More than 12 of the colleges and universities affiliated with the Churches of Christ in the United States will be represented. Among those represented will be Abilene Christian University, Harding University, Lipscomb University, Oklahoma Christian University, Lubbock Christian University, Freed-Hardeman University, Cascade College, and York College.

Classes will be offered on estate and gift planning, membership management and recruitment, "angel" making and marketing as well as on recruiting younger women. The conference gives women the opportunity to share successful projects, to build camaraderie, and to encourage and be encouraged by others who volunteer their efforts to support Christian education for students from the Churches of Christ throughout the United States.

Andrew K. Benton, Pepperdine University president-designate and Jerry Rushford, director of Church Relations, will speak at the dinners. The closing brunch will be hosted by Helen M. Young, founding president of the Associated Women for Pepperdine.

For more information, please call Patty Atkisson at (310) 456-4270.



*Won By One*

Top row, pictured left to right: Kristin Bartee, Jeremy Johnson. Bottom row, left to right: Allen Gillespie, Michelle Demaree, Kelli Isaac, Heath Cloutier

June 13 - Yosemite Bible Camp; 9 pm  
 June 14 - Visalia Community Church of Christ; 7 pm  
 June 15 - Sierra Bible Camp; 9 pm  
 June 18 - Central Church of Christ Sacramento, California; 9 pm  
 June 19 - Eastside Church of Christ Antioch, California; 7 pm  
 June 20 - Martinez Church of Christ Martinez, California; 7 pm  
 June 21 - Fairfield Church of Christ Fairfield, California; 7 pm  
 June 23 - Sonoma Ave. Church of Christ Santa Rosa, California; 8 pm  
 June 25 - Faith Development Camp; noon  
 June 26 - Faith Development Camp teach class/lead worship  
 June 28 - Anderson Church of Christ Anderson, California; 7 pm  
 June 30 - West Main Church of Christ Medford, Oregon; 7 pm  
 July 1 - Tri-City Church of Christ Myrtle Creek, Oregon; 7 pm  
 July 2 - Circle Church of Christ Corvallis, Oregon; 6 pm  
 July 4 - Portland Work Camp Cascade College; 7 pm  
 July 7 - Port Orchard Church of Christ Port Orchard, Washington; 7 pm

July 8 - Mount Lake Terrace Church of Christ, Mount Lake Terrace, Washington  
 July 9 - Burnaby Church of Christ Burnaby, British Columbia; 7 pm  
 July 11 - King's Orchard Church of Christ Wenatchee, Washington; 7 pm  
 July 12 - Summit View Church of Christ Yakima, Washington; 7 pm  
 July 13 - Richland Church of Christ Richland, Washington; 7 pm  
 July 14 - Northside Church of Christ Spokane, Washington; 7 pm  
 July 15 - Concert in Corbin Park, Spokane, Washington; 7 pm  
 July 16 - Lead Praise Team, Spokane Church of Christ, Spokane, Washington  
 July 17 - Dalton Gardens Church of Christ Couer d'Alene, Idaho; 7 pm  
 July 19 - Boise Church of Christ Boise, Idaho; 7 pm  
 July 20 - Wedekind Road Church of Christ Reno, Nevada; 7 pm  
 July 21 - Winding Way Church of Christ Carmichael, California; 7 pm  
 July 23 - Lead Praise Team, College Church of Christ, Fresno, California  
 July 24-25 - Pepperdine University Christian Leadership Conference Malibu, California



## Scott Sager Featured Speaker at Pepperdine's Christian Leadership Conference

Pepperdine University will host its 10th annual Christian Leadership Conference on the Malibu campus July 23-



25. This program is designed for high school students from Churches of Christ who are interested in attending Pepperdine.

Scott Sager, preaching minister for the Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, will be the speaker, and Pepperdine's *Won By One* singing group will perform. Students from several states will be in attendance. For more information and a copy of the program, contact Jeff Morrow at (310) 456-4392.

## Campbell Church

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The first worship service in the new building was on February 14. Soon attendance was back up to more than 400 and the church was supporting missionaries in Ethiopia, in addition to Korea. The next year, they started a Christian day care center, which was great success.

A program to minister to Spanish-speaking people was launched in 1969 by Tony Ontiveros and others. Victor and Charlotte Rodriguez were chosen to lead the outreach to the large Hispanic community. Also in 1969 Bill and Deanna Wilson left to work with the church in Germany.

About that time the Campbell Church led the way in bringing together various congregations to raise money for a Christian camp in the nearby Santa Cruz

Mountains. The result was Daybreak Camp, which continues to host a number of groups, not the least of which is one of the premier teen camps in the state.

The elementary school next to the church's property on Campbell Avenue closed its doors in 1979. The church saw this as a tremendous opportunity to fulfill its dreams of building a Christian school that would go beyond childcare. Leading the charge was Mike Armour, who had become the minister six years earlier. Part of the school's facilities was leased, and soon 105 children from kindergarten through sixth grade were enrolled. In 1981 seventh and eighth grades were added.

Frank Nitto followed Mike Armour in the pulpit in 1981. Three years later, Tom Sibley became the minister. Meanwhile, the church faithfully supported foreign missions, like the one in New Guinea with Woody and Judy Square, and local missions, like the forming of a new congregation in the community. In 1985 the congregation added its first-ever education minister, Steve Ink. The next year, WINGS (Women in God's Service) was formed and continued to open avenues of ministry for the church's women. Through the years, the Campbell Church was available for community service and relief work, as in the October 1989 Bay Area earthquake.

In 1990 Garry Bortz came aboard as children's minister. It was recognition on the part of the leaders of the importance of working with God's little children in the church. The Campbell children's ministry has become a model for many others.

Randy Hall and his wife, Kathy, came to work with the Campbell Church in December 1993. In recent years there has been even more emphasis on community outreach with programs such as divorce recovery workshops and neighborhood barbecues. In addition, the worship assembly has been revitalized, with Power Point graphics and uplifting praise.

Other missionary efforts have been conducted: Kelli Pearson, a single woman from the Campbell Church, served with a missionary team in Natal, Brazil, from 1995 to 1998. And the church continues to support the San Felipe, Mexico, congregation and build houses for the community there as it has for thirty years.

Today the elders are Billy Fong, Gordon Kruger, B. J. Latta, Browning Smith, Bob Stone, David Treat, Ador Villanueva, and Bob Workley. "Our elders really are pastoral in their care for the flock," commented minister Randy Hall.

Garry Bortz now serves in both children's and music ministry. Walter Surdacki is the student and family minister. Scott Falkowski is the associate minister. And Francisco Ramirez is minister for the Spanish-speaking congregation that meets at a downtown location. The administrative support staff includes Peggy Cross, Barbara Garcia, and Susan Hutton.

The Campbell Church of Christ is so energetic and multi-faceted that it is difficult to capture it in one journal article. Much has to be glossed over. Its history is filled with faithful members who planted churches, sent missionaries far around the world, founded Christian schools, relieved suffering in natural disasters, reached out to people of other languages, created teen and children's programs, built Christian mountain camps, and so much more. Randy Hall said, "The Campbell Church emphasizes the heart of Christ—and thus it is a church that emphasizes relationships and ministry." He summarized beautifully, "It is a church at peace . . . and at work."

As the lights of Silicon Valley twinkle and executives and engineers work into the night creating new electronic marvels, the Campbell Church of Christ dreams of creative new ways to bring Jesus Christ into our brave new world.

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# News

## Covenant Publishing: Uplifting the Faith

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"Our purpose is to help promote the values and teachings of the New Testament," said Steve Cable, newest member of the Covenant Publishing team, who is the former director of marketing for College Press Publishing. "Part of our mission statement is 'Helping people keep faith with God and one another.' We want to produce Biblically solid material, written on a popular level for the Christian in the pew," said Cable.

Presently the Covenant team is working to market their titles to the heart of the Churches of Christ and at the same time expand into the broader Christian market with solid biblical materials.

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## Christian Scholarships Available • Deadline May 15

The Church of Christ Foundation has announced four \$1,000 scholarships for Christian young people from the five-county area of greater Los Angeles who will be enrolling at a Church of Christ college or a school with an active Bible Chair. Please spread this word to high school seniors in your congregation. The application deadline is May 15.

For an application, please call or e-mail: Paul Schlosser at (909) 849-6053, [pschlo3663@aol.com](mailto:pschlo3663@aol.com) or Mike O'Neal at (310) 456-4458, [moneal@pepperdine.edu](mailto:moneal@pepperdine.edu).

The Church of Christ Foundation was formed in 1991 from the proceeds of the Azusa building to support good works of the Churches of Christ in the five-county Greater Los Angeles area (L.A., Ventura, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside).

## New President

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"I am deeply honored to be chosen to follow in the steps of presidents I admire so much," Benton said. "These leaders, along with thousands of faculty, staff, alumni, students, and friends have set the University on a remarkable course for the future. I accept this challenge as a sacred trust and will do my very best to assist Pepperdine in reaching even higher levels of academic excellence and service."

"Andy Benton is an outstanding choice to lead Pepperdine into the future," said President Davenport. "His leadership skills and experience have prepared him well, and I believe the University is in good hands. I know the entire Pepperdine community will be supportive."

## Cascade College Sponsors Expositors Seminar

Cascade College honored longtime Northwest minister Gordon Teel on the opening evening of the second annual Michael C. Armour Expositor's Seminar, Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

The seminar brings ministers together with textual scholars for learning,



Gordon Teel

renewal and worship. Guest presenters for 2000 were Dr. Jack Reese, dean of the College of Biblical Studies at Abilene Christian University; Dr. Rick Marrs, chair of the

Religion Division at Pepperdine; and Dr. Jeff Childers, ACU College of Biblical Studies faculty. They addressed the theme "When Preaching is Worship."

Brother Teel was honored for his many years of service to the church in the Northwest and his commitment to expository preaching.

After beginning with a tribute to a seasoned expositor, the seminar concluded with an address from a young expositor, as Ben Reis, Cascade senior ministry major, preached for the seminar's concluding worship service.

Dr. Mark Love, minister for the East County Church of Christ in Gresham and adjunct member of Cascade's Bible faculty, conducted the annual seminar.

## 50th Anniversary of the Morro Bay Church of Christ

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## News

### Reaching Out to Moms in the Community Through M.O.P.S.

*Port Orchard Church of Christ M.O.P.S. Program Marks Its Tenth Year*

*by Agnes Gibson*

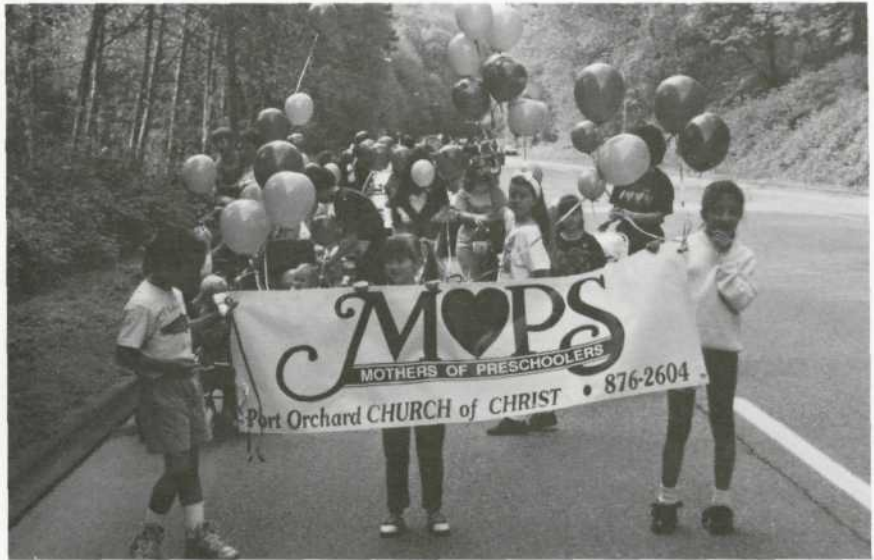
The Port Orchard Church of Christ in Washington state began its M.O.P.S. ministry when several young mothers of the congregation heard about M.O.P.S. on the Focus on the Family radio program. They became excited about starting their own M.O.P.S. chapter in Port Orchard so they approached the church leadership. The leaders, staff and members were very supportive of the idea and in the fall of 1990, the Port Orchard Church of Christ began its M.O.P.S. program which today has about 150 participants.

M.O.P.S. is an acronym for mothers of preschoolers. It is a nationwide program designed for mothers with children under school age. The goal of M.O.P.S. is to meet the needs of every mom — moms with different life-styles who all share a similar desire to be the very best mothers they can be.

The Port Orchard M.O.P.S. group meets twice a month and uses their time together to provide mutual support and encouragement for young mothers of the congregation. During this time, good friendships are forged, leadership skills are developed, parenting questions are explored, and help and hope is offered for new mothers who soon learn they are not alone in this great work of mothering.

While the mothers have their meeting, their children have a special program of their own elsewhere in the church building. Mothers are given the luxury of leaving their kids for a few hours in a secure, well-run program while they enjoy building relationships with other women. Many of the senior members of the Port Orchard Church are involved in helping with the kids' program.

Each M.O.P.S. meeting begins with a casual time of sharing and refreshments, followed by prayer requests and an open-



Above: Moms and their kids are spreading the word about M.O.P.S. during a parade in Port Orchard, Washington.



Left: The M.O.P.S. steering committee works together to create an environment of acceptance and learning for moms of preschoolers.

ing prayer. The group discussions which follow generally center around issues like parenting, marriage, education, family needs and finance, to name a few. When possible, these issues are presented from a Biblical perspective. Every other week, the moms work on an arts and craft project.

M.O.P.S. has also proven to be a great evangelistic tool for the Port Orchard church. Currently, about two-thirds of the participants are not members of the church — many are not members of any church. The M.O.P.S. program provides the church an open opportunity to get to know, minister to, and bless a large number of young families in the community. These families are invited and often attend other Port Orchard church activi-



Below: M.O.P.S. moms during craft time.

ties, including Bible study and worship.

The Port Orchard Church believes that, by helping parents with young children, they can help make a difference in who those children grow up to be.

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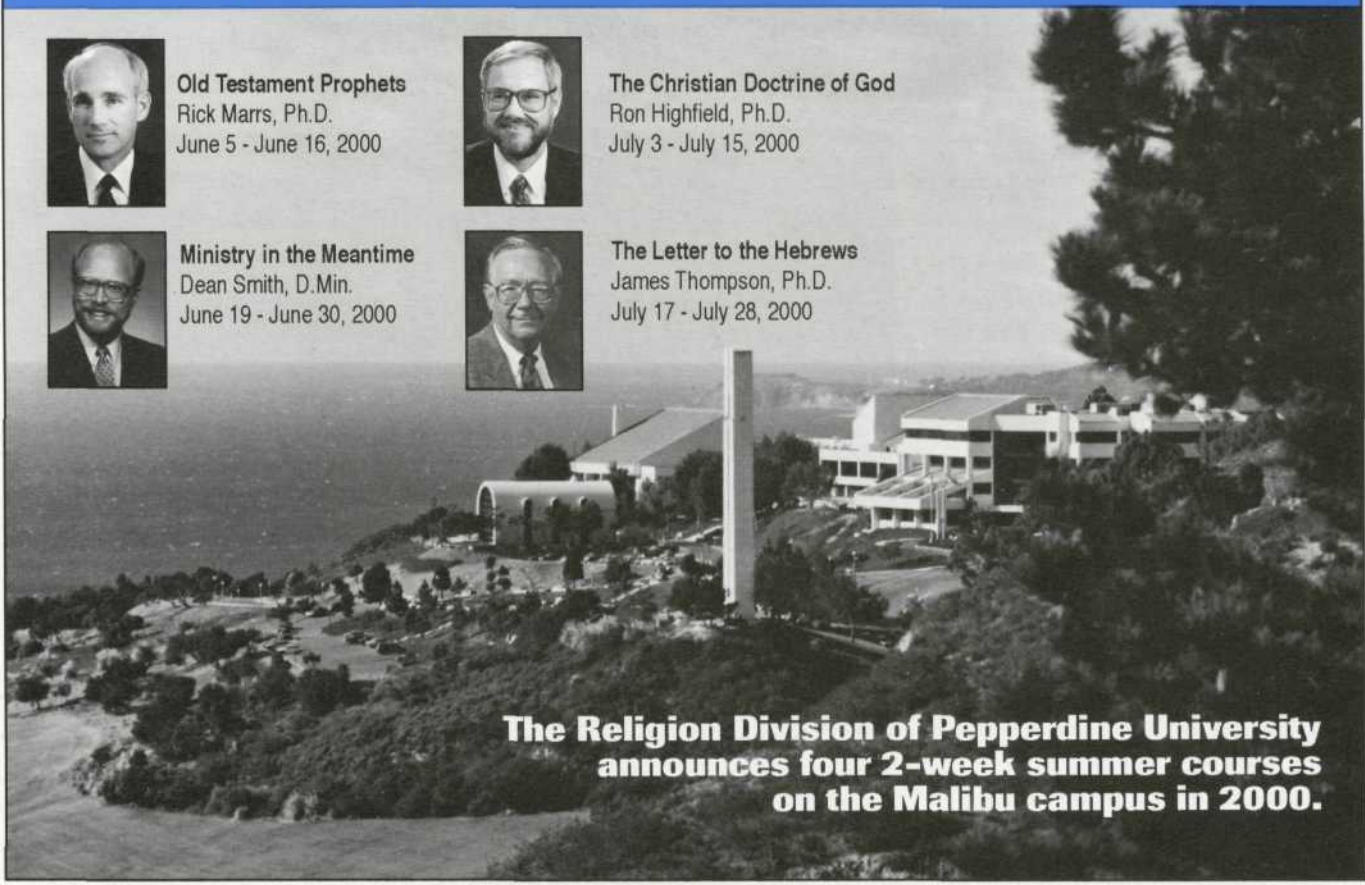
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